

Christchurch Girls' High School Newsletter



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In 2014 CGHS is encouraging students to bring their own devices to school. See inside for further information or click the picture above.

Coming Event.....



PRIZEGIVING

**Tuesday 10 December
2013**

The ceremony starts at 7.30pm
in the CBS Canterbury Arena,
Addington.

Students are requested to be seated by 7.10pm
and to be in full winter uniform.

Student News and Activities

Gold Award: 50 credits at Excellence level from internal and practice external standards (school examinations). Silver Award: 50 credits at Merit level or above from internal and practice external standards (school examinations).

Internal Academic Awards

Level 1 Gold:

Caitlyn Barr, Abby Bent, Shayna Black, Lily Boyask, Katie Brolan, Rebecca Brooker, Luna Browne, Alice Burgess, Rebecca Chrystal, Madeline Craig, Rose Creed, Demelza Dalglish, Sophia Davies, Freya Dixon, Connie Dwyer, Maisie Evison, Poppy Fowler-Blyth, Harriet France, Emi Frost, Kate Gibb, Isabella Griffiths, Millie Hanford, Maddie Harris, Tessa Hartland, Ella Hawkey-D'Aeth, Lauren Iggo, Anete Kaidme, Hannah Kenneally, Joanna Kuang, Emily Lai, Sabrina Lee, Kaylie Leung, Melody Leung, Olivia Lynch, Sienna MacArthur-Beadle, Chantal Mahan, Madeleine Marshall, Alice McAtamney, Pippa McCaw, Hye Sun Moon, Grace Partridge, Anna Percy, Maddison Perry, Grace Puentener-King, Katie Shaw, Aleisha Smith, Zoe Smith, Seoyun Song, Juliette Soule, Jessica Taylor, Leah Tuckerman, Holly Tudehope, Enya van Dulm, Bridget White, Petra Williamson, Anna Woods, Siana Worthington.

Level 1 Silver:

Maddie Abell, Helen Alderton, Rebecca Baddeley, Emma Brooker, Millie Brooker, Fiona Brunton, Rosa Bull, Madeleine Conway, Kate Copeland, Rachael Crichton, Katherine Davies-Smith, Natasha Dickison, Ella Dixon, Greta Eaton, Georgina Ellison, Mia Evans, Stacey Fletcher, Emma Grace, Whitney Hepburn, Olivia Hore, Cassandra Irvine, Emma Jackson, Molly Jenkins, Millie Johnston, Alysha Keenan, Georgia Keenan, Gabriella Kells, Annabelle Kerr, Deana Low, Jessica McCullough, Natasha McKay, Danielle McLellan, Lose Moala, Grace Munro, Jessica Murray, Josephine Nicholas-McAnergney, Taylor Paton, Kaitlyn Peterson, Jessica Phibbs, Kate Robinson, Megan Shaw, Emma Small, Ashleigh Smith, Georgia Smith, Jaclyn Smith, Kelsey Smith, Greer Thomson, Jessica Tolo, Solinda Toul, Abigail Twentyman, Amy Vallance, Mikayla Woodyear-Smith.

Level 2 Gold:

Lillie Balfour, Kate Bennett, Mia Brooke, Sarah Burns, Rosie Chalmers, Helena Chen, Monique Cranko, Meghan Dunn, Hannah Farquhar, Olivia Gray, Francesca Hlavac, Isabella Hutchison, Orocy Jo, Sophie Jones, June Jung, Rachel Kennedy, Jessica Kikstra, Belinda Kilian, Melanie Lee, Shani Lim, Rachel Ling, Jovita Manickam, Elizabeth McPhail, Ruby Oliver, Jane Park, Joanna Parker, Stella Radburnd, Maya Robinson, Jasmine Tran, Ella Underdown-Gray, Anna Urquhart, Holly Welford.

Level 2 Silver:

Isabella Berliner, Hannah Boyd, Daniella Braunberger, Alice Carrell, Kate Collins, Annaliese Cooper, Grace France, Brooke Hulston, Maddie Irvine, Bella Jang, Debbie Je, Rebecca Jenkins, Michaela Laird, Gabrielle Marris, Libby Nicholls, Isabella Pearce, Emma Walsh, Sophie Ware, Anudini Wijesinghe, Lucy Woods, Rachel Wylie.

Level 3 Gold:

Kathryn Adams, Carolyn Ang, Rachel Ashby, Grace Borichevsky, Sian Canton, Heidi Chen, Aan Chu, Georgina Clifford, Brittany Dixon, Nina Edwardes, Jessica Grant, Alex Grieve, Heather Hutchings, Julia Lang, Isabella MacArthur-Beadle, Izzy Manakongtreecheep, Stephanie McCarthy, Young Ju Min, Lara Olsen, Clara Todd.

Level 3 Silver:

Sophie Anderson, Jessica Boyd, Laura Brunton, Mikaila Claughton, Sophie Cornish, Lucy Eaton, Olivia Galloway, Lynn Kim, Shiro Lee, Sarah Lyne, Anna McLean, Kelsey Polglase, Madeline Smith, Michelle Williamson, Annie Withington, Bing-Bing Xiong.



2013 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

2013 Year 13 students have been very successful in gaining scholarships from universities across the country. These financial awards offered by many tertiary institutions and businesses are of great assistance towards the costs of their tertiary study. Successful candidates for these scholarships have not only achieved academically but have also been fully involved in a wide range of extra-curricula and school community activities.

Carolyn Ang	Victoria University	Excellence Scholarship
Julia Lang	Victoria University	Excellence Scholarship
Lauren Boot	Victoria University	Excellence Scholarship
Brittany Dixon	Victoria University	Excellence Scholarship
Rachel Ashby	Otago University	Leaders Scholarship
Lauren Boot	Canterbury University	Law Scholarship
Sian Canton	Auckland University	Faculty Scholarship
Kate Adams	Auckland University	Leaders Scholarship
Jess Grant	Canterbury University	John Bell Cunliffe
Clara Todd	Auckland University	Leaders Scholarship
Rachel Ashby	Auckland University	Leaders Scholarship
Kendra Black	Victoria University	Excellence
Aan Chu	Auckland University	Faculty Scholarship

YEAR 11 CHEMISTRY COMPETITION AT CPIT

Congratulations go to Grace Puentener-King 11BUB, Zoe Smith 11BUB and Anna Percy 11TRA who were placed 3rd= in the annual Year 11 Chemistry competition at CPIT. The results were very close and the girls scored 128/130. They performed three tasks at CPIT's laboratories along with teams from other Christchurch and Canterbury secondary schools. They had to find a thermometer ice point and identify a selection of solids and colourless liquids using a series of identification tests. They only had one test with an incorrect result. The other team of Freya Dixon 11LNM, Maddie Harris 11BUB and Emily Lai 11LNM also performed the tasks very well. Well done.



L-R: Anna Percy, Grace Puentener-King, Zoe Smith

CHORAL NEWS

On September 29 members of Cantrices combined with the Cecilian Singers, a Christchurch women's chamber choir, to perform the New Zealand Premiere of a two choir work 'Pater Noster' by Danish composer, Michael Bojesen. This was a great experience, especially singing in Danish, and the girls are to be congratulated for the high standard of their contribution.

ALPINE TRIANGLE TOURISM TRIP 2013

On Wednesday 18 September, 26 keen Year 13 Girls' High tourism students set off for the coastal destination of Kaikoura. Braving 2 hours on a bus they arrived at the accommodation: Dusky Lodge. Despite its riveting name, the Lodge had a view of snow-covered mountains and green trees, as well as



accommodating the group with various choices of bunk beds to share, which is always a treat when you're 17 or 18 years old. There were many activities the group enjoyed such as walking up to Ohau Falls to see the seal pups, and visiting Hapuku Luxury Lodge and tree-houses where Chris, the General Manager showed us around the eco-friendly luxury lodge and the specifically placed tree houses. Shelly, from Whale Watch Kaikoura talked to the group about Kaikoura's Whale Watching history, and what life is like working in the tourism industry. Travelling to Hanmer Springs was a highlight. The girls and teachers arranged their own dinner plans and went for a late night swim at Hanmer Springs Thermal Pool and Spa. The next day the group travelled into the township to talk with Scott Callaway who is the Hurunui District Marketing Manager about how many international and domestic tourists Hanmer Springs and the Hurunui District see over the course of a year. A real highlight for most of the group (apart from Cheyenne) was the Quad Biking - where Ross, Pete and Matt from Activity Hanmer took a group of 8 or 9 and taught them to ride a quad bike through mud, water and mountain area which was a great experience. Overall the trip was a success, and every person in the group had a great time and probably slept for 20 hours afterwards.

GERMAN TOUR 2013

On Thursday 26 September 26 14 students and parents left for a 3 week tour of Germany with a short stopover in Paris and a day-trip to the Austrian Alps. It was a most successful trip that was for many of the students, "Life-changing, and the best thing I have ever done." Many months of fundraising had finally paid off. The trip began with a short stopover in Paris where we filled the few days we had visiting all the major sights of Paris. We then travelled into the south, Munich, Germany, Munich. Here the days included: a city tour of Munich, a visit to Dachau Concentration Camp and then to the Oktoberfest. We were also lucky enough to visit the famous Hofbräuhaus where we were served a traditional German meal and were entertained by a traditional German Band. Off course we finished our time in Munich with a little bit of shopping. We then moved to Lindau which is situated on Lake Constance. The students simply fell in love with this quaint town. Some likened it to walking into a fairytale. The students spent a week here at a prestigious

German Language School.

They were all hosted by German homestays, and it was very sad to say goodbye to the German hospitality. While in Lindau the students had classes in the mornings



Berlin Cathedral

and activities in the afternoon which included a visit to Neuschwanstein Castle and the Austrian Alps. We left Lindau and flew to Berlin where we spent two nights. All the famous sights of Berlin were covered on the second day including a visit to the Berlin Wall and Check-Point Charlie. The students were able to use their German in numerous situations: at home with their homestays, at school, when shopping, ordering food and taking the bus. The opportunities were countless and one they will never forget.

My Reflections: German Tour 2013

When the opportunity to participate in the German Tour first occurred, my first instinct was 'that would be amazing. I'd be crazy to let this opportunity slip away from me' and thankfully, I took it and I can definitely say it was one of the best decisions I have ever made in my entire life. As our departure day inched closer, the more anxious and excited I became. Upon our arrival (firstly in Paris) the feeling of being in Europe was surreal. This was the furthest I had ever travelled and it was such a culture shock. Paris was breath-taking.

I was able to visit places that I never thought I would ever have the chance to visit. Arriving in Germany was very exciting because we were able to finally put our German to use and challenge ourselves to see if we could understand what others were saying. Being able to understand a German person speaking was a great feeling.



Lindau, Germany

Staying with a host family that only spoke German, no English at all, was quite a challenge, but nonetheless something I know I will never forget. The tour passed unbelievably fast and before we knew it, we were on our way back to New Zealand and the thought of a 21 hour plane journey was something we didn't want to think about.

Thanks to Mrs Smith and also our parents, I was able to do so many incredible things like: climbing the Eiffel Tower, touring Neuschwanstein Castle, staying with a German Host family, visiting a German High School, climbing to the top of the Austrian Alps, visiting the Berlin Wall and so many more enjoyable activities. Every single day held a new adventure. If it wasn't for Mrs Smith, then none of this would have been possible. This tour has left a lasting impression on all of us and it was the most riveting experience of my life. If you have the opportunity to travel overseas, take it. You will never regret it!

Danielle McLellan 11GTA

THE AMAZING PLACE COMPETITION 2013

Over terms two and three, four classes from Christchurch Girls' High School have been working on a project competition called 'The Amazing Place'. This was a competition where any team could enter and design an 'Amazing Place' for the future Christchurch City.

Six teams were entered, three from each Year 9 and Year 10. Our entries were sent for judging to CERA and the Christchurch City Council. Through a long elimination process, two teams from CGHS were selected as finalists: 'The Flower Corridor' and 'Square-Up' both from Year Nine.

After being selected as finalists we were asked to go to an empty lot to film a short video summing up our projects. Both teams spent half an hour filming our proposals to perfection. These videos were then collaborated with the other finalists' videos and then put on display in a container that had been 'jazzed up' for the public to view in Gloucester St.



"Flower Corridor" - 1st Place, Year 9

Bridget Craig, Laura Cullen, Charlotte Berry, Governor-General, Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae, Marina Vivas, Christina Wensley, Arlia Schurr

The prizegiving was held on the October 29th in the Aurora Centre at Burnside High School. Our teams took out the Year 9 category with 'The Flower Corridor' coming first and 'Square-Up' as the runners-up. The prizegiving was an extravagant event with entertainment from local bands, speeches from esteemed leaders: most notable was The Governor-General, Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae, who presented our awards to us. First place prize was \$3000 shared between the team for personal spending and \$1500 for the school. The runner up prize was \$1500 and \$750 for the school

We found this competition challenging but fun and highl -satisfying, It was felt worthwhile after all our hard work.

Charlotte Berry and Phoebe Milne 9MEA



"Square Up" - 2nd place, Year 9

Greer Williams, Katie-Rose Schuyt, Rosie Kelly, Governor-General, Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae, Ysobel Maindonald, Phoebe Milne

MAVIS ATKINSON COMPETITION

Congratulations to Izzy Manakongtreecheep, 13DXS who produced the winning entry in the Mavis Atkinson Competition for the painting of New Zealand flora and fauna. Izzy wins \$100 and a certificate which will be presented at prizegiving.



Runners up are:

2nd place: Georgina Taylor 10BLM

3rd place: Ria Fitzgerald 9SMM.

Other students who gained a commendation for their entries are:

Ella Williamson 9MEA, Sienna MacArthur-Beadle 11ASJ, Megane Lallemand 10DLD and Ruby Allsop 10MKD.

JUNIOR THEATRE SPORTS TEAM

A huge congratulations to our junior team for their recent efforts in the Canterbury Court Theatre competition. They were placed second, losing out to Cashmere by 1 point. Over twenty teams competed across a month to win a place in the final, so to come second overall is a magnificent effort. The team of Christina Wensley, Tiger-Lily Perry, Tei Driver, Sammy McDonald and Sophie Marris were coached very well by our senior girls and everyone involved deserves to be proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to you all!

JUNIOR ALISON HARPER COMPETITION

A very talented group of nine Year 9 and 10 students entered the Junior Alison Harper competition earlier this term. This consists of a dramatic reading and this year the competitors presented a nursery rhyme with very entertaining results. The main section is a dramatic delivery of a Shakespearean extract and the range spanned from the comic to tragic.



Third place was awarded to Grace Brooker, second to Tigerlily Perry and first to Julia Gunn who is pictured here in action.

Congratulations to all entrants on their talented performances.

SCHOOL GARDEN - ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Crops of silverbeet, spinach, kale and parsley have flourished in our garden this year. We have sold many bunches of them to the staff during terms 1 and 2 as well as donating them to the City Mission. We have bought a timer to automate our watering with the proceeds. We have a healthy crop of garlic at present as



well as herbs and some strawberry plants. The corn which germinated from seed is looking strong and healthy and our potato crop is up and growing well. Dave Schimanski has completed the building of the greenhouse which has been used by Year 9 students for their flower plants. He has done a magnificent job of putting in a lawn area at one end and barking between the beds. An enormous thank you goes to Dave for all his hard work as well as his guidance with what to plant and his assistance on the end of a spade.

MAKING SCIENCE MORE COLOURFUL - YEAR 9

During the last two terms the Year 9 Science classes have been growing impatiens and pansies as part of our biology topic. We had to do everything from planting the seeds to transferring the seedlings to bigger trays then transplanting the small plants into the space under the Christchurch Girls' High Sign in front of the main entry. This meant that we had to care for the plants while they were growing by watering them regularly. Each class grew flowers that had a different colour of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, blue, mauve and violet. The ground beneath the Christchurch Girls' High sign is now adorned with these colourful flowers which will continue to grow and blossom, just like the many Year 9 students here at Christchurch Girls' High School.

by Phoebe Milne and Lily Thompson



*Click the picture to view
CGHS trip to
The World Challenge
in Ecuador and
Galapagos*

filmed by

Chantelle Naitoro

YEAR 10 SCIENCE COMPETITION AT CPIT

Two teams from Year 10 went to compete in the Science competition at CPIT on the evening of Wednesday 20 November. We were so pleased to have the opportunity to do be in a competition with 18 other teams from 11 different schools in Canterbury.



Team 1: Samantha Wiffen, Abigail McPhail, Sami Kokich



Team 2: Kate Keenan, Rose Faulks, Rutvi Soni

We were very nervous at the start but we realised that we were able to carry out an experiment that we had never done before and reach the right conclusion. It was a great experience. Team 1 came 5th equal and Team 2 came 7th equal.

*by Samantha Wiffen
and Abigail McPhail*

YEAR 10 BIG FUN DAY

Themed shared lunches, musical theatrics, sharing of embarrassments and a whole lot more took part in our Year 10 Fun Day! The first day was filled with presentations by James and Christian from The Attitude (programme for schools). From them we learnt about dealing with mental illness, appropriate and safe sexual behaviour and maintaining friendships. They were both fun and educational.

After discussing the heavier topic of mental illness, specifically depression, we gathered at Mona Vale for a tasty themed shared lunch. The winning class of the shared lunch on day one was 10BLM with their theme of Rainbow, and the second day's competition was taken out by 10HRE with their costumes and food themed around Super Heroes. Thanks to Christian and James for judging!

The day that we weren't with the Attitude presenters we went on courses which gave us some idea towards future career choices, such as animal welfare, Coffee Culture and Hairdressing. Everyone who went on these courses came away with some great memories, valuable skills and experiences for the future. A huge thanks to James and Christian from Attitude for giving up their time to talk to us, and to the teachers and staff who made these two days possible.

Jess and Alicia, 10BLM



Whanau Report

Tēna koutou e te whanau

Kapa Haka

A huge congratulations to our kapa haka girls who were part of a combined school group which was placed second at the recent regional competitions. The group had dedicated their performance to Matua Larry Thompson who was the Head of the Māori department at Papanui High School and who sadly passed away earlier this year. Their performance was stunning and he would have been very proud. Well done to Aorangi Taonui, Te Arani Huia and Kahuiti Huia for an outstanding performance.

Student Successes:

Aporonia Arahanga won the best female leader in the intermediate section at the South Island kapa haka competitions in October.

Sapphire Wairau joins her older sister Laken at the elite basketball level after being selected to represent New Zealand in the under 16 age group team. This is even more impressive given that she is only 14 years old.

Ruby Rose was selected to perform with a group called 'No Limits'. After months of intensive rehearsals the group gave an inspirational and though provoking theatrical performance about teenage issues. Ruby is to be commended for her dedication to the group and a wonderful performance.

Tigerlily Perry and Te Arani Huia were recipients of the Rakatahi awards for excellence amongst Māori youth in Canterbury. Tigerlily has been recognised for her academic achievements and also her dedication to all aspects of school life. Te Arani won her award for her commitment to her Māori values and tikanga. Thanks must be given to Hana O'Regan and Manuiti Whata from Te Puna Wanaka (CPIT) who came to our school assembly to present these awards.

Whanau Farewell:

Our annual Whanau Farewell will be held on Monday December 9. It is to be held at school in the Māori and Pasifika room which is located on the second floor, 223. The farewell is an opportunity to thank those who have contributed to whanau life at CGHS over the year and also to acknowledge our students who have committed to kaupapa Māori for the duration of their time at our school. The hui will start at 6.00pm. A light supper will be provided.

Nei rā te mihi matakukui ki a tātou katoa

Adrienne Taylor

Kaiako i te reo Māori

International Report

International students continue to be an important part of the Christchurch Girls' High School student population. They help our students to feel part of a bigger world by sharing their cultural traditions, different lifestyles and attitudes.

The 2011 earthquake had a significant impact on international students' decisions to come and study in Christchurch. All schools saw a marked decline in their enrolments and changes in the source of their international students.

However with significant government financial input and the support of our government-funded umbrella organisation 'Canterbury Educated', international students are



Hanmer trip



Welcome dinner at The Joyful Restaurant

once again seeing Christchurch as a viable destination for gaining a world-class education.

Source countries for CGHS have changed radically. This year we have welcomed ten new Chinese students and next year we will



Phillipstown School visit

increase our Japanese group from one student to seven students. This year we have also had six South American students with us.

This great cultural mix of Korean, Japanese, Thai, Chinese, Singaporean and South American has meant never a dull moment!

The International Club has been extremely active with a trips to Hanmer Springs and Akaroa, food days, International Week, a charity event at Phillipstown School, a welcome dinner for new students and lots of fundraising!

Along with Mrs Sweeney and Ms Yen, I wish to thank all those who have helped our international students in 2013, including the wonderful staff of Christchurch Girls' High School, homestays, parents, guardians and agents. We wish you all a great Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2014.

Ms Liz Stopforth
International Dean

NANYANG EXCHANGE

We welcome our two Nanyang Girls' High School exchange students from Singapore. Nicole Tanliyan and Ziwei Sun are with us until the end of the year. Two of our Christchurch Girls' High School students, Toni Booth and Georgina Allen visited Nanyang Girls' High School earlier this year for three weeks so they are hosting Nicole and Ziwei. Nicole and Ziwei will be attending the Living Springs camp and experiencing some of the Kiwi outdoors.

If you are in Year 10 next year and would like to be considered for this exchange then watch out for the announcement.



L-R: Nicole Tanliyan, Toni Booth, Georgina Allen, Ziwei Sun

Careers Report

The Canterbury Labour Market

At a recent Engaging with Whanau workshop at the University of Canterbury, Lynette Morgan, a Career Consultant with Career Services shared Canterbury's future key growth areas from CDC's Christchurch Economic Development Strategy of 2013. The six areas are: ICT, health, professional Services, values added manufacturing, construction and agribusinesses. Manufacturers are struggling to attract employees yet their businesses are now nothing like the old workplaces associated with them. Recruitment offices for Canterbury are being established as far afield as Dublin, to fill these gaps.

Agriculture earns 70% of New Zealand's export dollars and all the associated careers in agribusiness are in high demand. Few Christchurch Girls' High School students think about combining their future study with agriculture.

The average age of workers in the health sector is 55 years yet between 2011 and 2013, the proportion of working-aged people will decrease from 68% to 63%. The average age of professional drivers is also 55 years.

IPENZ, the Institute of Professional Engineers, had flagged significant strategies across all field of engineering in New Zealand before Canterbury's earthquakes, so students with a background in science will be very much in demand.

An article recently in The Press, by Catherine Harris stated that the IT sector was being promoted because workers are in short supply yet demand is extremely high. Four out of the five top paying jobs on Trade Me's salary scale are IT related, taking over from the perceived highest-earning occupation, medicine. Places like the EPIC hub in Christchurch show how creative and exciting IT careers can be. In spite of all this, few of our students make IT a career choice.

Bridging Programmes for those who miss out on University Entrance

- Universities offer a Certificate in University Preparation (or CUP) which usually runs for 15 weeks and has three intakes a year. Visit their websites for more information.
- CPIT also offers bridging programmes such as Pre Health, as pathways into nursing and medical imaging. Pre Health has two intakes – one in February and one in July. A number of certificates can staircase into diploma level study, too.
- Hagley's Catch Up College commences in late January for students requiring a few credits to complete UE requirements.
- The University of Canterbury is also offering two other programmes: Science Headstart and Academic Studies Headstart, intensive courses at the end of January, which provide excellent preparation for tertiary study.

CGHS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

After winning the South Island Championships in tournament week the A Basketball team headed off to Palmerston North in the first week of the September holidays to take on New Zealand.

The win at the South Islands gave us 9th seeding at the National Championships. With last year's champions in our initial section we knew we had to play well to qualify for top 8, which was our first goal. We played better and smarter as the tournament went on, to beat Massey in the quarter final and then came from twelve points down at half time to beat Westlake Girls' in the semi-final. In this game Ash Fane hit a HUGE three point shot with 7 seconds to go and then after winning by 2, we were in the final!

We met Rangitoto, the red hot favourites, in the final. We got off to a great start and with lots of loud support from our bench and supporters we had built a big lead by the third quarter and then withstood a Rangitoto comeback. We won 65 – 46; this meant WE WERE THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS! What a wonderful feeling cutting down the net and celebrating with our team, who had all worked so hard together all year to get to a place where not many people thought we could go! CGHS was the only unbeaten team (boys and girls) throughout the whole tournament. Congratulations to Ashlee Fane, Gabby Edmondson and Laken Wairau for all being named in the tournament team and Tessa Boagni who was named MVP.

A HUGE thank you must go to our coach TH who believed in us and encouraged us. Thank you to Jody Bisley for being a great manager at Nationals.

We also had a great group of parents who supported us in lots of ways. Arriving home at the airport with our trophies we had an amazing group of family and friends there to welcome us.

What an amazing week for CGHS basketball.

Thank you also to the following businesses who supported us with fundraising:

Joe's Garage Riccarton
Mole Check, Aikmans
No 4 Bar and Restaurant
Hoyts Cinemas
Weedons Golf Club
Reading Cinemas.

Lone Star Northlands
Maxwell Dry Cleaners
Coffee Culture Merivale
Fresh Choice Merivale
Countdown Bush Inn



NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS' NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On October 8th the Senior A netball team flew up to Auckland to compete in the four day New Zealand Secondary Schools' tournament. We had a really tough draw for our pool games, meeting defending champions Mt Albert Grammar School in our opening game and losing by more goals than we would have liked. Mt Albert Grammar left the tournament as Nationals champions for the second year running.

Later on in the week, CGHS faced St Margaret's College, winners of the South Island Secondary Schools' tournament, and played one of our best games of the season. Despite losing, we kept the score within a very low margin and came off the court pleased with our performance, as it was the best score line that we had had against St Margaret's all season. Our final game for 15th and 16th place was against Waimea College from Nelson. Once again, the team played with determination and although we didn't quite pull off the win, we were satisfied with our performance in this game and the previous three days of competition. The whole team had a fantastic week on and off the court and despite where we finished, we gained great experience to build on for next year.

A big thank you goes out to Lucy Newton, Coach of the Senior A team for all of the commitment and effort that she has put into this team throughout the season. Thanks also go to the Manager for this tournament Chris Rodda and Assistant Manager Sally Flynn. We couldn't have done it without them.

CROMWELL TO CLYDE RACE

On October 26th the senior eight consisting of Christie Morrison, Olivia Gray, Francesca Hlavac, Grace Shaw, Maddy Conway, Danni Braunberger, Alice Commons, Rhiannon Mason and Gabby Marris travelled down to the Grays' holiday home to participate in the 17km Cromwell to Clyde long distance race. The girls were placed 2nd in the women's coxed eight category and 12th over the whole regatta. The trip was an awesome experience, getting to row on Lake Dunstan, taking in the astounding scenery, rowing through the gorge, hitting the shops in Wanaka and wrapping it up with a team dinner with all the parents. It was a great build-up for the future regattas and hopefully it will become a Girls' High tradition to row in this event. Well done girls!

ROWING ORIENTATION

The rowing orientation sleepover was, yet again, a hit. The orientation weekend was a chance for the return and novice rowers to get to know

each other and learn more about what it is to be a Girls' High rower. It was a night full of fun and laughter. We started with Zumba (shout out to Danni Braunberger for her sleek moves) before making a 6 by 4m rowing banner and enjoying a chocolate fondue at the end of the night. The club really bonded and I'm looking forward to sharing a promising year with the girls.

CANTERBURY SECONDARY SCHOOLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Canterbury Secondary Schools' Tennis Championships were held over the first 6 weeks of this term. This year CGHS had 3 players entered in the Open grade, 7 in the Intermediate grade and 4 in the Year 9 grade. The Open and Intermediate grades started playing first so that their competitions were completed by the time exam leave came around. The Year 9 competition started on 6 November but with small entries in this grade, it was completed by 20 November.

Results for all grades are as follows:

Open Singles	Runner-up	Hilary Hanton
	Runner-up plate	Natasha Dickison
Open Doubles	Runner-up Special Plate	Hilary Hanton and Brooke Hulston
Intermediate Singles	Runner-up	Harriet Clyma
Intermediate Doubles	Runner-up	Olivia Ridgen and Pippa McKay
	Runner-up Special Plate	Abby Bent
Year 9 Singles	Winner Plate	Katie Hunt
Year 9 Doubles	Runner-up	Charlotte Carpenter and Lily Carpenter

Well done to all those players who entered and represented CGHS so well. We finished with a lot of runners-up – maybe 2014 some will be winners!

ARCHERY

Congratulations go to Abbey Munroe who gained 2nd place in the JAMA (Junior) Archery competition held earlier in the year.

NZ Archery Secondary Schools Postal Competition Term 3 results:

Individual section (Open Recurve)

19th place in NZ and 5th place in Canterbury: Gabrielle Philpott, 13NIC

Team section

9th place in NZ and 4th place in Canterbury: Gabrielle Philpott, 13NIC, Olivia

Fenwick 10DL and Josephine Berliner 10HRE.
17th place in NZ and 11th place in Canterbury: Amy Robinson 9MEA, Grace Borichevsky 13DXS and Hannah Farquhar 12LAJ.

FITNESS ROOM

CGHS now has a new fitness room and a lot of new equipment. This was purchased with help of the PE and Sport departments and will be used by PE classes, sports teams and morning fitness groups. The old fitness room is now purely a Cardio Room which houses the school and rowing clubs rowers and spin bikes. Programmes will continue to be available for students from the start of 2014 school year. We will also be organising some fitness circuits for the morning fitness group in 2014 in the new gym. The rowing club are already utilising the room as part of their off-water fitness programme.

Special thanks to Steve Young (helping Miss Helmore with painting) and Matt Bilsbury (helping Miss Helmore with assembling some of machines).



ZONTA SPORTS AWARDS

This was the 23rd year of the Zonta Sports Awards which are organised by the Zonta Club of Christchurch South to showcase the achievements of talented sport students in the Canterbury and West Coast regions. This year's awards were held at Addington Raceway on October 31st and CGHS had a group of 44 athletes and supporters who attended. The guest speaker this year was Sophie Pascoe who spoke so well about the highs (and lows) in her swimming career. She truly inspired us all with her remarkable perseverance and feats.

Georgia Bushell (alpine ski racing) and Tessa Boagni (basketball) were finalists in the category for the most outstanding achievement by a young sportswoman specialising in one sport. Tessa Boagni was a finalist in the best all-round young sportswoman (achieving in more than one sport); the dragon boat team, volleyball team and basketball team were finalists in the most outstanding team category.

To be a finalist is very good but to win is amazing! It was to be a great year for CGHS with two category winners. Tessa Boagni won the best all-round young sportswoman category for her achievements in basketball and volleyball; the basketball team won the team of the year for their great win at the National Secondary Schoolgirls' Tournament in early October.

Congratulations to all finalists and especially our two winners.



2013 SPORTS CUPS & TROPHIES

Aerobics Shelton Cup:

For overall contribution to Aerobics

Amelia Lay

Badminton:

Senior Champion

Emily Lai

Junior Champion

Tigerlily Perry

Basketball:

A team Most Improved Player

Sophie Cornish

March Cup for the A team Player of the Year

Tessa Boagni

Ginny Johnston Trophy for Most Outstanding Player

Laken Wairau

Most Improved Junior Player

Grace Cartwright

Cricket:

St Albans Cricket Club Cup for most outstanding player

Meg Lay

Maginess Cup for the best batting average

Meg Lay

Cycling:

Blox Apparel best development rider

Aleisha Scott

ViaStrada Elite rider

Christine Lambley

Duathlon:

Laura Wood Trophy

Arlia Schurr

Equestrian:

Senior Equestrian Sportswoman of the Year

Hannah Copeland

Junior Equestrian Sportswoman of the Year

Emily Boyle

Fairplay Award:

Firestone Fairplay Trophy

Hannah Copeland

Gymnastics:

Junior Champion

Aimee Taylor

Intermediate Champion

Rebecca Morrison

Senior Champion

Bethany Long

Hockey:

Tullett Cup Most Improved Player

Kate Smith

Cup for service to the Premier Hockey team

Kerri Paterson

Captain of 1st XI

Sarah Graham

Netball:

Berna Batchelor Memorial Cup Most Helpful Player

Lily Fletcher

Rowing:

Sally Spencer Cup (Best Individual Rower)

Francesca Hlavac

Paynter Trophy for the best Lightweight Rower

Grace Shaw

Trophy for Best Crew (U16 Quad)

Christie Morrison, Olivia Gray

Bella Hutchison, Grace Shaw

Gabby Marris

Rugby:

Pickering-Cross Legends Trophy for outstanding performance

Emily Dalley

Running:

The Brian Taylor Memorial Cup for Running

Olivia Gray and Jessica Kikstra

Squash:

Best Player

Kate Fox

Surfing:

Competitive Trophy

Prue Askin

Swimming: AE Flowers Most Helpful Player

Abbie Johnstone

Touch: Most Valuable Player

Maddy Marshall

Triathlon: Laura Wood Trophy

Jessica Kikstra

Volleyball:

AJ Hercus Trophy (Most Valuable Player)

Gabby Edmondson

Acting Principal, BO7 & P7A Reports

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I saw a sign the other day that said "30 days until Christmas" and questioned its accuracy, but upon further checking saw it was correct. The second half of the year has gone very quickly and we are now entering the final phase of the year. Students are completing their final class activities, Year 10 are away on camp and we are working towards Prizegiving.



We are also looking ahead and planning for next year, and in particular looking forward to Pauline Duthie starting as Principal. You will be aware that Pauline comes to us from Iona College in the Hawke's Bay, and brings a wealth of experience in girls' education, school leadership and boarding. All staff are looking forward to working with Pauline as we take on the challenges that the future holds in terms of property and buildings, and working collectively to ensure that we deliver an outstanding curriculum and Teaching & Learning programme.

You will have heard about the Minister of Education's recent announcement regarding the \$1.1 billion investment in the rebuild, renew and repair of schools in Greater Christchurch over the next ten years. Christchurch Girls' High School has been identified as one of the schools requiring 'major re-development' and we have received an indicative spend figure of \$20-30 million to be spent on the school. Sadly, on the Ten Year Plan we have an expected start date for master planning in the first quarter of 2018, and a completion date of mid-2020. At this stage we have no further specific information regarding the nature of this major re-development, including no information on the future of the Auditorium or the Link Block. The Board of Trustees and Management are not happy with the timeframe for the rebuild and repair of our school and are currently exploring how best to get some movement on this, or at least on some specific and pressing concerns. In the future, this may well involve a request to the parent community to add their voice to our case.

The summer break will see the completion of the School's Network Upgrade Programme (SNUP) and we will start the year with an improved network, including wireless access. This is an exciting opportunity for us to further bring Information Technology into our teaching and learning programmes. In 2014, all students will have wireless internet access and we are strongly encouraging students to bring their own device (BYOD) to support their

learning. Additional information on BYOD is on the Parent's page of Onstream (onstream.cghs.school.nz).

We have had a very positive and successful last term – National Championship Basketball success during the October holidays, Kapa Haka success, the Outstanding Team Award (Basketball team) and Best Overall Sportswoman (Tessa Boagni) at the Zonta Awards, first and second in the Christchurch City Council/CERA Amazing Place competition, and amazing student trips (World Challenge Ecuador, German Language tour and a Classics trip to Greece and Italy) – to highlight just a few. The variety of areas in which our students perform and excel never ceases to impress me. We are fortunate to have such talented and motivated students. As parents, you should be proud of your daughters.

As the end of the term and year draws to an end, I would like to invite you to Prizegiving, our final whole school celebration of student achievement and success for the year, and our last chance to farewell our Year 13 students.

To Year 13 – you are the first group I have had the opportunity and privilege of working with from your entry at Year 9 right through to Year 13. You have been an excellent group throughout your time here and this year you have been superb role models for the rest of the school to look up to. Year 12 have big shoes to fill. I would like to wish all of Year 13 the best as they move into the next phase of their lives.

To the rest of the school, use the summer to rest, relax and reflect on the year (Years 11 and 12 will also have NCEA results in January to reflect on), think about your future and then start setting some goals for 2014.

To all members of the school community, I hope you all have a happy Christmas and enjoyable summer.

Peter Sawyer
Acting Principal

To all parents and caregivers

As the year comes to a close we as a Board are looking ahead to 2014 and beyond. Immediately prior to writing this, Mark Smith and I have come from an extended morning tea/coffee/brunch with our newly appointed Principal, Pauline Duthie. I have come away feeling very confident about the future of Christchurch Girls' High, in that we have a leader who will bring a freshness and passion to the education of our girls. In our short meeting she talked about some initiatives that left me feeling pretty excited.

Pauline has come south from the Hawke's Bay to spend two days in and

around the corridors of Matai Street, allowing her to meet with the Board, staff, and students and gain an insight to the challenge that lies ahead. The two days will be a whirl wind initiation but will be invaluable for Pauline to ensure she hits the ground running. We look forward to Pauline's arrival in 2014.

We have obviously met a challenge with regard to the repair and refurbishment of the buildings at school. The Ministry has released its timeframe for the renewal programme and Christchurch Girls' High does not feature until 2018. This leaves the Board with a whole lot of unanswered questions for which we are seeking answers from the powers that be. There is obviously work that needs to be done in the short term and once we have clarification on the Ministry's position with regard to this, I will report back to the parent community. We find it unacceptable that earthquake repair work should be put on hold and we will be pushing that matter hard over the next few weeks.

In briefly looking back at 2013, I take my hat off to the girls at Girls' High who continue to achieve high standards and maintain spirit whilst working in compromised conditions. Compliments must also go to the staff who have made it possible for these girls to achieve. Achievement comes both inside and outside the classroom and for me, my favourite moment in 2013 was when the Senior A Basketball team returned from tournament as National Champions. Congratulations to the team, who deserve the positive accolades that followed this wonderful achievement.

Finally, I would like to thank the parent community for the support they have shown the Board since taking office in June. It has been great to work with new and talented Board members who are committed to the education of our girls. The Board are looking forward to working with Pauline but also acknowledge the hard work that Peter Sawyer has put in since being appointed Acting Principal. He has spent many long hours in the oval office to ensure a smooth transition for Pauline.

It's still too early to say Merry Christmas, but I look forward to seeing you all at prizegiving.

Mike Lay
BOT Chairperson



Hi to all Parents and Caregivers

We would like to take this opportunity to farewell our Year 13 seniors and to wish them all well as they venture out into the wider world, to pursue their chosen careers. We would also like to thank them for their input that they have contributed to the school over the past five years which has even in a small way helped shape our school.

With the year quickly coming to an end and our girls just completing their exams it is a good time to say thank you to those that have supported the PTA throughout the year either by active support at our monthly meetings or by help provided at many of our organised activities eg. Parent teacher evenings etc. but and yes there is always a but we now need your help. In the last newsletter I thanked those involved with the organising of our recent "Community Market." The main reason we need your help is that we struggle to find and promote any fundraising activity that creates interest from students and parents. This was obvious at our market by the lack of attendance and support from the school community. I know that markets don't always appeal to everyone and this is where we need your ideas to help us out so please complete the ideas slip below. This can be done anonymously if you wish and the slips can be dropped in at the red desk or emailed to pta@cghs.school.nz with your ideas. Below are some photos from our recent market day

The PTA looks forward to welcoming our new principal Pauline Duthie and we look forward to meeting and working with her.

We do hope that you would have had a look at our new PTA page on the upgraded CGHS web site where you can access our range of household products and keep up-to-date with what is happening with your PTA.

Next Meeting: Monday 3rd February 2014

2014 Meeting Dates – to be held in the School Library at 7pm unless otherwise notified

Monday Feb 3rd	Monday Mar 3rd (AGM)
Monday Apr 7th	Monday May 5th
Tuesday June 3rd	Monday Aug 4th
Monday Sept 1st	Monday Nov 3rd

On behalf of the CGHS PTA thank you and we look forward to seeing you at some stage.

John Drummond
President CGHS PTA
thedfamily@clear.net.nz

Fundraising Ideas Slip: Attention PTA

Ideas or Comments:

Name or Contact if desired:

Please drop onto Red Desk or email your ideas to pta@cghs.school.nz

GIFTS FOR SALE

Made from old CGHS kilt material.

- Owl doorstep \$20
- sausage dog \$20
- monkey \$20
- Bears \$20
- Lavender hearts \$10

Proceeds from sales will go to the PTA.

Limited stock available.

Please contact Averill, on cell 021 189 3124 to arrange purchases and delivery.



General Information

PRIZEGIVING PHOTOGRAPHS

2013 Prizegiving photographs are being taken by Jacqui Ames of Langwoods School Photography. These photographs will be able to be viewed and ordered at:

www.schoolphotography.co.nz with password CGHSL13.

SCHOOL DIARY FOR 2014 YEAR 12 and 13

Years 12 and 13 Students in 2014 will not be receiving a School Diary.

Often these students require a more substantial organiser and this would make an excellent Christmas gift.

REMINDER ABOUT IMMUNISATION

We have been asked to pass on these messages for school leavers and their parents and caregivers:



1. Immunisation is the best protection against many serious but preventable diseases.
2. Immunisation helps protect you, your family, your friends and your community.
3. It's best to be immunised on time, every time, but it's never too late to start if you've missed any immunisations.
4. Immunisation is free until you turn 19.
5. It's not too late for girls to be protected against cervical cancer with HPV immunisation if you missed out in Year 8.
6. If you're leaving school, now is a good time to check you're up to date with your immunisations, before you start work, study or travel.
7. Don't assume you're immune! Speak to your school nurse or family doctor to make sure you're protected. Visit getimmunised.org.nz for more information.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions or comments about the Don't assume you're immune campaign, please call Leonie on 04 917 0243 or email info@getimmunised.org.nz.

In 2014 CGHS students will be encouraged to **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**. This means that any student-owned, internet-capable device can be used to access the internet through the school's robust wireless network, with the teacher's permission, while students are in class.



Throughout the year teachers will increasingly be utilising BYOD in their lesson planning to give students access to a wide range of new and exciting learning possibilities to help raise student achievement. By encouraging BYOD access to the wireless network we can dramatically increase access to the wide range of learning opportunities afforded by the internet.

Students are strongly encouraged to bring their device to school each day, but they should not expect each of their teachers to utilise that device every lesson. The device will be treated like any other learning resource and will only be utilised when it will aid student engagement and achievement in a particular task.

Before a student can connect to the CGHS wireless network they must first agree to, and sign, the *CGHS BYOD Acceptable Use Agreement*. This agreement clearly outlines the responsibilities of the school regarding access to the internet, and the responsibilities of the student to agree to use the school wireless network to access the internet, and take responsibility for the security of their device. Existing CGHS students will be provided with this agreement at the start of the 2014 school year.

For more information about the type of device that your daughter may find beneficial to her learning then please refer to the Parents' Section of OnStream.

CGHS TRACKSUIT

The tracksuit is available from Mainland Uniforms,
511 Wairakei Road, Christchurch 8053. Ph. 360 3037.



Christchurch High School Old Girls' Association

Membership Application

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone No: Home..... Cellphone:

Years at CGHS:to

Subscription: Life~~\$100.00~~ \$75.00 for 2013 students within 6 months of leaving.

Please tick means of subscription payment:

..... Cheque made out to CGHSOGA.

..... To bank account 03 1592 0035868 00

Please return this form to:

The Hon. Treasurer
CHSOG's Association
93 Normans Road
Merivale
Christchurch 8052

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALES

Thank you for continuing to support the secondhand uniform sales. The PTA sees this as a valuable service that provides good quality clothing at reasonable prices. We have a good range of sizes in all summer and winter uniforms. There are frequent sales, usually the last Friday of each month. 70% of the uniform selling price is returned to the seller with the remaining 30% used to benefit the school. Garments may also be donated.

The secondhand uniform sales shop is located at the back of the Gymnasium at Christchurch Girls' High School, accessed from Matai Street. Payment is by cash or cheque only.

The next sales are:

Tuesday 17 December - (receiving clothing only - no sales) - 5-7pm.

Wednesday 18 December - (selling and receiving) - 5-7pm.

Tuesday 14 January 2014 - (receiving clothing only - no sales) - 5-7pm.

Wednesday 15 January 2014 - (selling and receiving) - 5-7pm.

Last Minute Sale - Tuesday 28 January - 21014 10-12noon.

All garments offered to us for sale must be clean and only excellent quality clothing will be accepted. Please label each garment with owner's full contact details. Kilts and blazers are to be dry-cleaned.

The shop is only open on sale days and will not be opened for one-off requests. Payment is by cash or cheque only. Any enquiries please telephone:

Ann Margaritis
Ph. 354 5935 or leave a message.

JOYEUX NOËL
Fundraising for CGHS France trip 2014


CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
Heaton Intermediate School
(at the school exit nearest to Elmwood Park)

10am to 4pm

Saturday 07 and Sunday 08 December
Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 December

Pine - \$15 Douglas Fir - \$20

For pre-orders and enquiries, contact Jo Downey
telephone: 354 1081 or 027 353 4930 email: jodowney1961@gmail.com



YEAR 10 CLASSES 2014

Comprehensive achievement information is used to arrange the Year 10 classes. Students' performances across the whole year determine class placement. Students therefore do not necessarily remain with the same group in Year 10.

If you have any concerns or queries or need to pass on any information please contact Ms Eder, Ph.348 0849. Unless you make information known this year, it is unlikely any requests will be responded to in 2013 once classes have been confirmed.

2014 CGHS SCHOOL DATES

Start dates are:

- Tuesday 21 January – The school office will re-open
- Monday 27 January – International Orientation 9.00-3.00pm
- Wednesday 29 January – Years 9: 10.00am - 2.30pm
– Year 13: 9.00am - 1.00pm
- Thursday 30 January – Year 9: 8.50am – 2.30pm
– Years 11 & 12: 10.00am - 12.00noon
– Year 10: 1.00pm - 2.30pm
– Year 13: Peer Support Leaders at requested times.
- Friday 31 January – 9.00am - All year levels.
– Powhiri then normal classes all day.
– Buses will run from now.
– Usual Wednesday times.
– School will close at 2.30pm.

Term dates:

Term 1: **Tuesday 28 January - Thursday 17 April**

Waitangi Day - 6 February

Good Friday - 18 April

Easter Monday - 21 April

ANZAC Day - 25 April

Term 2: **Monday 5 May - Friday 4 July**

Queen's Birthday – 2 June

Term 3: **Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September**

Term 4: **Monday 13 October - Tuesday 9 December**

Labour Day - 27 October

Show Day - 14 November

Monday 8 December – Prizegiving

TIMES FOR LAST TWO DAYS - STUDENT INFORMATION

Tuesday 10 December:

- 8.50am Students to form room. Do not bring bags to school today.
- 9.00am In gymnasium for prizegiving practice.
- 9.50am Students bussed to CBS Arena for prizegiving practice.
- 11.00am Students bussed back to school. (Students who live near CBS Arena will be dismissed from there to make their own way home.) Students dismissed on arrival at school. Exchange bus leaves CGHS at 11.15.
- 7.10pm All students are to be seated in CBS Arena, in their designated seats, in full winter uniform.
- 10.00pm (approx.) End of prizegiving. Students collect documents from form teacher and are then free to leave.

Wednesday 11 December:

- 9.30am Students to be in form rooms with their form teacher. No bags to be brought to school.
- 9.40am Students move to Gymnasium for final assembly.
- 10.30am Assembly ends and students dismissed from the Gymnasium.
- 10.40am Bus leaves school for the Exchange.



